ने सिल्चर क्षेत्र के केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के सहायक आयुक्त के ध्यान में यह तथ्य लाया। सिल्चर के सहायक आयुक्त इस क्षेत्र के अध्यापकों के संबंध में चूंकि सक्षम अनुशासनिक प्राधिकारी हैं, अतः सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

"Implementation of Supremc Court Judgement on Pay Scales in Botanical Survey of India"

2145. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court had upheld the judgement of the Central Administrative Tribunal dated the 17th March, 1987 granting pay scale of Rs. 550—900 to 'Scientific Assistants' of Botanical Survey of India and whether Government had issued an order on 21st March, 1989, directing the Botanical Surevy of India to implement the said judgement;

(b) whether Government had issued another order on 26th April, 1989 which seeks to restrict the implementation of Court's order;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether such a change goes against the letter and spirit of Court's orders; and

(d) whether Government are reviewing the matter and propose to implement its original order dated 21st March, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) According the Supreme Court judgement, the Central Administrative Tribunal, Calcutta Bench, was perfectly justified in directing allocation of the revised pay scale of Rs. 550—900 to the *existing Scientific Assistants* of Botanical Survey of India. They, however, made it clear that the appellants may give effect to the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission with regard to future recruitments after framing rules in that regard. The Government of India issued orders on 2-3-1989 to the Director, Botanical Survey of India for implementing the judgement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Promotion of Classical Languages

2146. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken the promotion of classical languages;

(b) what is the definition of classical language for such promotional support by Government;

(c) whether Tamil is considered as a classical language for this purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is no definition of classical language as such. However, as a rule of practice, Government have been giving promotional support to Sanskrit including Pali and Prakrit, Arabic and Persian. Irrespective of the status of the language; Tamil language also is provided with promotional support.

Request for Additional Assistance by Government of Kerala

2147. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRA VATTOM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: